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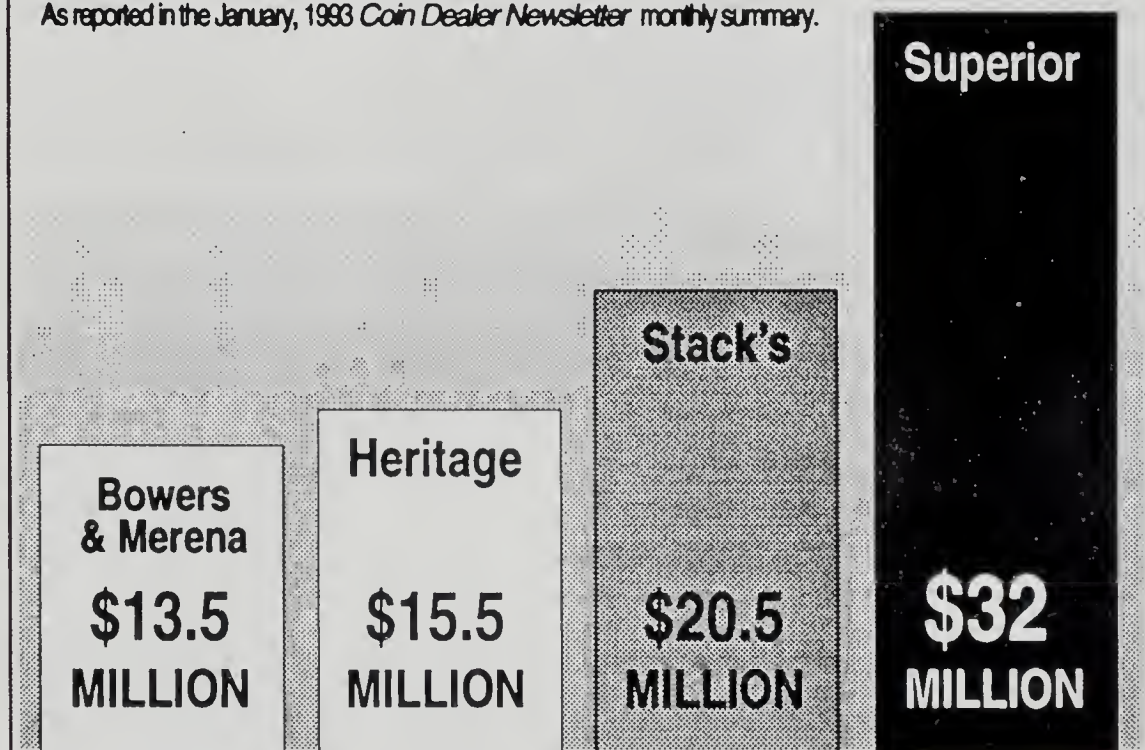
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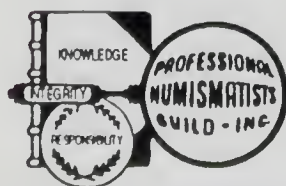


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## EDITORIAL

Dr. Regan G. Shea  
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### EXCITING TIMES

The 1995 ANA Anniversary Convention may still be 22 months in the future, but I'm already getting caught up in the excitement. Up to now I have never attended the ANA's main event. I have had to vicariously experience the thrill of the "World Series" of numismatics through the tales of my coin club friends and acquaintances.

But all that will change less than two years from now when CSNA plays host for the biggest week of the year. I'll go out on a limb and guess that many CSNA members and most California numismatists have only scant experience attending ANA conventions. I eagerly anticipate the chance to bring the preparations and show itself to you through these pages. We will all share an insider's view through the eyes of Tom Fitzgerald, chosen during the Baltimore convention as General Chairman for 1995.

ANAheim fever--catch it!

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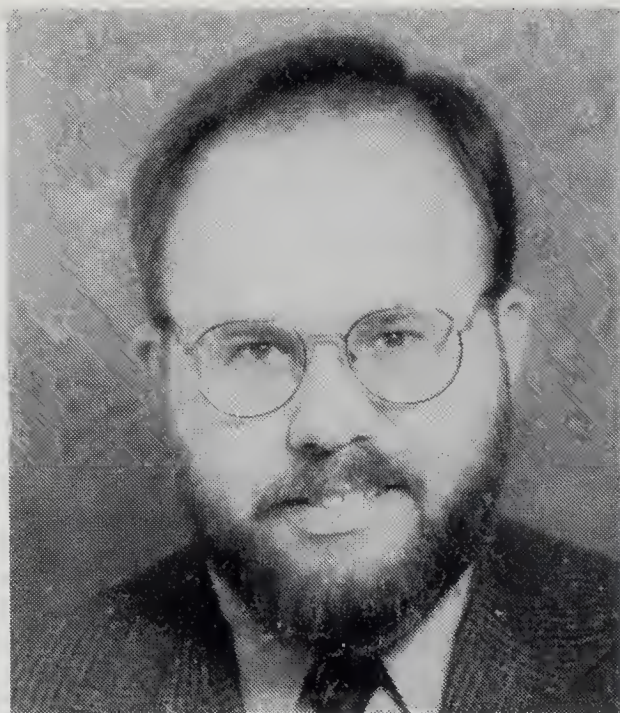
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MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE PRESIDENT

DAVID W. LANGE

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Are there too many coin clubs in California? Given the difficulty with which our clubs maintain the minimum staffing of officers and board members, I believe the answer may be "yes". As president of the CSNA, I have an implicit duty to encourage the growth of local coin clubs. While I do encourage such growth in clubs which possess the necessary human resources, I do not believe that it's beneficial to maintain the mere shell of a coin club. The greatest responsibility of any club officer is to assess the vitality of his or her club for the purpose of determining whether it needs fixing and to what extent this can be done.

As I attend the monthly meetings of some of the clubs in my area, I note that most of them have relatively little turnover in officers. While the roles may change every couple of years, the names often remain the same. Although this is a credit to that handful of persons willing to assist their clubs year after year, the question remains of whether this is actually serving the members in the best possible manner. Every club attempts to recruit new officers and board members, only to meet with very limited success. It's usually evident within a year or so of a new member's arrival on the scene whether or not that person is likely to assume a participatory role. If that inclination is visible, he or she will be drawn in as quickly as possible and may serve for many years. Alas, the number of such persons seems to be dwindling as the changes in society take their toll. Most coin clubs are presently quite static, seeking merely to avoid losing any further ground.

Another observation I've made is that each coin club seems to have its own core of regulars who are indelibly associated with that club. Whether or not they presently hold any offices, these people are almost always on the scene to help at meetings and during the annual coin show. While there's some overlap between clubs in any given region, each person has a club which he or she considers to be their "home club". There is often some reluctance on the part of individuals to assume a participatory role in any other club. The end result of this is that each club takes on the personal preferences of the same few individuals who have run it for years, and there is very little in the way of new ideas and programs. Again, I applaud the few who are willing to serve year after year, but I must wonder what impression is given the new member



who quickly comes to realize that every club meeting is much the same as the preceding one. Of course, the obvious answer is for these new members to become more involved so that they may change the club themselves, but this is not a realistic notion given the small number of persons willing to become officers and board members.

Where all of this is leading is that I believe the time may have come to look for a smaller number of coin clubs, with those that remain being stronger and more vital than at present. As it is, we've already witnessed the death of many coin clubs over the past fifteen years or so, but do we really want to wait until a club collapses from its own dead weight? So many clubs sprang up out of the boundless enthusiasm which existed in the hobby during the 1950s and 1960s that we are still sharing more clubs than the number of active members can sustain.

I see the solution to this problem in consolidation. Rather than simply disbanding a coin club and walking away from it when the number of remaining members becomes too small, why not merge the assets (both material and human) with another club that seems to have more staying power? The infusion of new blood into the officer ranks will have a beneficial effect in the coming years, although there may be some initial growing pains as the two memberships adjust to one another's expectations. There will be some technical problems to overcome as well, such as what to do about the club's name. Does it maintain the title of one of the two merged clubs? Does it combine their names into a hyphenated title? Is an entirely new name describing the geographical area served by both clubs the best way to go? All three solutions have been used in the past with much success. Whatever method is employed, the ultimate goal is the survival of the combined clubs' membership, rather than the senseless preservation of each club's individual identity.

Recently, I discussed these ideas with a respected member of the California numismatic community, and he brought up a point which is worth mentioning here. When I expressed my concern that some of the local clubs seemed to just be treading water, he countered that perhaps my expectations of what coin clubs should be doing were greater than those of a majority of their membership. It's true that I'd heard relatively few complaints about the local clubs from their members, but then people tend to simply stop coming to the meetings when they're dissatisfied. Like the typical American voter, coin club members just become apathetic, rather than taking positive action to correct matters. While my views may not represent those of the typical club member, I like to think that we who are in a leadership role should always take the high road and strive for excellence.

The need for the consolidation of coin clubs may not be apparent to everyone at this time, but the combining of resources has already become fact in at least one area of numismatic endeavor. I'm speaking of coin shows, many of these having already become the combined efforts of two or more clubs, each of which used to have their own show. For an example one need look no further than the Golden State Coin Show. This annual event is co-sponsored by our organization and three others, the Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC), the Society for International Numismatics (SIN) and the Council of International Numismatics (COIN). The success of this event grew out of the inescapable fact that competition with commercial coin shows would no longer permit these four groups to each have

their own individual shows. While the hobby could once support four such annual coin shows at different times and places, consolidation was the only solution if any of these organizations were to survive and to fund their activities.

From the consolidation of coin shows, it's not too great a step to imagine the ultimate merging of clubs, as well. Looking at the organizations named above, it becomes evident that the same handful of persons account for the majority of officers and board members for all four clubs. Is this the wisest deployment of human and material resources, when each of these persons is dividing his or her time over largely redundant assignments? I do not believe so, although there will be those who defend the sustaining of four individuals clubs for various reasons.

Ultimately, the strongest argument for preserving a club's unique identity will be made by those who have a sentimental attachment to that particular organization. For one who has amassed thirty years worth of ribbons, medals and other memorabilia, the idea of such souvenirs becoming obsolete may be unthinkable. It may cloud his or her judgment with respect to an organization's viability. As one who cherishes the history of American numismatics, I can understand this desire to sustain traditions. Still, I must also look after the present and future needs of the hobby. If local and regional coin clubs are to survive, they must be healthy. This may require that a few fall by the wayside. I believe that it's better to preserve the assets of a club, even if under a different identity, than to allow all to be lost through blind sentiment. As with the railroads and airlines before us, consolidation may be the ultimate key to survival for coin clubs.

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Turning to another matter, I'm very pleased to announce that the American Numismatic Association's board of governors has selected the CSNA to host it's 104th Anniversary Convention at Anaheim in 1995. In addition, CSNA Past-President Tom Fitzgerald was overwhelmingly favored to be General Chairman, and he will be addressing you on convention developments over the course of the next couple of years. Tom has the wholehearted support of the CSNA officers and board, and I encourage you the members to express your enthusiasm, as well. No small amount of campaigning goes into to such a victory, as we were in competition with other organizations seeking the honor. Many thanks to those who supported our bid for this event. Being selected to host an ANA convention is quite a feather in our cap, and it will bring national and international recognition to the CSNA. So it's on to ANAheim '95!

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## CALL FOR YOUNG NUMISMATIST NOMINATIONS

To encourage young numismatists the California State Numismatic Society created a Young Numismatist membership. YN members will receive a free subscription to *Calcoin News*.

Nominations are accepted from any club that is a member of CSNA. A club may sponsor up to two Young Numismatists at any one time.

Nominees must be between the ages of 7 and 16, be active members of the nominating club and show an exceptional interest in numismatics.

To make a nomination clubs should send the nominee's name, mailing address and date of birth, as well as the name and address of the nominating club to: Joel Anderson, CSNA YN Coordinator, P.O. Box 3016, Merced, CA 95344.



# Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



VIRGINIA BOURKE, CSNA R-3242

As a child in Connecticut, I found my first coin in the woods, a two-cent piece dated 1864. The date brought memories of the Civil War and I looked for more coins and other things. I found some bullets but were told that they were of recent vintage. I have always collected something.

My family moved to California in 1953 due to my father's health and we located in Imperial Beach, California. My mother and father have always collected stamps and coins. I'll never forget the commotion when my younger brother decided to treat his new friends to ice cream from the "Good Humor"

truck using my father's walking Liberty halves collection. He had to pry them out individually, which I'm sure he thought was an odd way to store them!!

I was always a history buff, loved art, and coin collecting was right up my alley. I started collecting right after high school when I earned my first "big" money. Every weekend I would haunt Pete Jenkins Coin Shop in National City for my latest finds. I started sets of Lincoln cents, buffalo nickels, Mercury dimes and even purchased a 1938 proof set for \$60. Those days are gone forever. Eventually I moved from home and found out about "Rent." Gone were the days of "haunting." I currently try very hard to limit my interests to what I have, but FAO coins, ancients, colonial coins, Canadian, Mexican, British Empire coins have all found a home with me. I also have a fairly large topical collection of animals, birds and ships on coins. Some of my dealer friends save the unusual coins for me. No wonder I have so many different aspects!

I joined my first coin club after high school, and have served in various positions in various clubs ever since. Currently, I am Treasurer of Chula Vista Coin Club, President of San Diego Numismatic Society and Secretary of the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Society

I have exhibited for many years and have been a worker behind the scenes when CSNA and ANA come to town. My first CSNA, I served as Exhibit Chairman. Gladys Moulton as Chairman turned my name in to Charles Colver, then Chairman of CSNA. He had never heard of me and tried to dissuade Gladys from choosing me. Having failed in that, he asked that I be sure to bring my membership card for him to see because he really thought he knew everybody. Well, needless to say, poor Charles was very embarrassed by my producing the correct credentials; he has been very friendly ever since. He always makes sure to tell me about the latest Krause publications for my "library."

My other interests are the environment, animals, history, cars, medals--especially Society of Medallists medals. I am proud to be a member of ANA for over 25 years, TAMS, and ANS. I have one son who is really into "Red Sox" memorabilia, baseball cards and other sports. I have four dogs which were acquired when no one could provide a home for them and two rabbits. My biggest reward of coin collecting comes from the wonderful people whom I have met and my friendships with them.



# Through the Numismatic Glass

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald  
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CSNA R-2074

## THE MEXICAN MONETARY REFORM

El 31 de diciembre de 1992, el peso mexicano se despidió del año viejo dejando tres ceros del otro lado de la medianoche. (On December 31, 1992, the Mexican peso rang in the New Year, bidding adieu to the Old, and leaving three zeroes behind on the other side of midnight.) In a major reform, the entire money system of Mexico was to be replaced reflecting the establishment of the "nuevos pesos" (new pesos). With the stroke of the legislative pen, three zeroes had been eliminated.

Although the old currency would continue to be honored (as the old peso), these notes were replaced by new ones with similar characteristics but with fewer zeroes and which bear the legend "nuevos pesos." There are four denominations of the new currency: NS100 (replacing the old 100,000-peso), NS50 (replacing the 50,000-peso), NS20 (replacing the 20,000-peso) and NS10 (to replace the old 10,000-peso). Being replaced by new coins, there will no longer be 5- or 2-peso notes.

The key to the new system would be the symbol "NS" ("nuevos pesos" or new peso). All salaries, rents, prices for goods and services, etc. simply would lose three zeroes. For example, if your salary was 3,600,000 pesos per month and your rent was 1,500,000 pesos per month, after the reform (January 1) you would earn NS3,600 per month and your rent would cost you NS1,500. If you paid your restaurant bill with the old currency, for instance, you could pay with a 50,000 peso note or a new NS50 peso bill. The new peso would be worth around 3 to a U.S. dollar, not the 3,000 to a dollar of the old peso.

The reasons given by the authorities for the change were (1) administrative (facilitate transactions and calculations)--simply move the decimal point three places to the left; (2) practical (easier to comprehend and control the large sums of money); and (3) psychological (with the peso appearing to be worth more, one would hope there would be more savings and inflation would come under control. Of course, with the use of coins in place of some of the smaller denomination notes, the cost of producing the nation's currency would be reduced. The Treasury estimated a saving of 265 million new pesos over the next three years.

## NEW COINS

Mexico has added five bimetallic coins to their new series: the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20-peso denominations.

In May, 1993, the Mexico Mint began striking bimetallic new 20 peso coins, the last and the highest denomination of the new specie. This coin is expected to be issued by the Bank of Mexico by the end of June. Along with the new 10 peso coin, these two denominations will contain a .925 fine silver center from precious metal mined in Mexico. The silver center of the NS10 coin weighs 5.6 grams while the 20



peso center weighs 8.406 grams (a quarter ounce of silver). The outer ring of the NS20 piece is made of aluminum-bronze, is 32mm and has a total coin weight of



Mexico's new bimetallic \$20 peso coin

16.996 grams plus a lettered edge. The obverse depicts the eagle on cactus holding a snake in its beak, the emblem of Mexico. The legend reads "ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS" (United States of Mexico). The reverse bears the effigy of the revolutionary Mexican priest, Miguel Hidalgo and the inscription "HIDALGO." The new 20 peso coin is dated 1993.

The design of the other 8 new coins, dated 1992, unlike their previous money which presented on its reverses portraits of famous Mexican patriots, statesmen and others, is based on parts of the famous basalt carving known as "Piedra del Sol," the Aztec Sun Stone, a symbol to the Mexican people of their heritage.

New Circulating Coins of Mexico

(First year of issue for all coins is 1992 except 1993 new \$20 pesos.)

| Coin           | Metal                                | Weight   | Diameter | Edge     |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 5 centavos     | Stainless steel                      | 1.58gr.  | 15.5 mm  | plain    |
| 10 centavos    | Stainless steel                      | 2.08gr.  | 17.0 mm  | plain    |
| 20 centavos    | Aluminum-bronze                      | 3.04gr.  | 19.5 mm  | plain    |
| 50 centavos    | Aluminum-bronze                      | 4.30gr.  | 22.0 mm  | plain    |
| new \$1 peso   | Stainless steel ring, Al-bronze core | 3.95gr.  | 21.0 mm  | plain    |
| new \$2 pesos  | Stainless steel ring, Al-bronze core | 5.19gr.  | 23.0 mm  | plain    |
| new \$5 pesos  | Stainless steel ring, Al-bronze core | 7.07gr.  | 25.5 mm  | plain    |
| new \$10 pesos | Al-bronze ring, .925 silver core     | 11.18gr. | 28.0 mm  | striated |
| new \$20 pesos | Al-bronze ring, .925 silver core     | 16.99gr. | 32.0 mm  | lettered |

Source: Casa de Moneda de Mexico (Mexico Mint)

On the outer stainless steel ring of the 1 peso coin is engraved the ring of solar rays. The center disc of the coin featuring the letter "N" (new peso) and "1" is of bronze alloy. The 2 peso coin displays a stylization of the "Ring of Days." In actuality, the steel outer ring contains only 10 of the 20 symbolic "day-signs." The

5-peso coin bears the circular image of the Ring of Serpents. The most spectacular issue, the 10-peso coin, seems almost to become the sun stone. From the center of this denomination glares the face of the powerful sun god, Tonatiuh. The inner silver center displays the fierce mask of the Aztec god of the sun.

Each of the 8 new coin reverses (except from the 20 peso coin described above) carries either a complete or partial representation of one of the rings of the Sun Stone along with its value, the year (1992) and the Mint Mark of Mexico's Mint. The tiny 5 centavo coin (in place of the 50 peso coin) displays a partial circle formed by nine arrow points which symbolize solar rays. The 10 centavo piece depicts three groups of symbolic elements from the "Ring of Sacrifice" indicative of the blood shed as offerings to the sun god. The 20 centavo coin, a new issue of the former 200-peso piece, contains restated images of acatl, the Aztec day symbol for cane or reed. The highest denomination centavo coin, the 50 centavo piece is notable as it carries the image of the ring which symbolizes the acceptance of sacrifice by the gods. Both the 20 and 50 centavo bronze colored coins are scalloped shaped.

It is certainly ironic that January, 1993 should be the date of this latest monetary reform. It is also the 180th anniversary of the appearance of the first paper currency in Mexico. In San Miguel Grande (now San Miguel de allende, Guanajuato) under the empire of Agustin de Iturbide (1822-1823), the currency first appeared. The monetary system has had quite a story to tell since that "curious paper money" as the nation's first bills were called.

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## LITERARY AWARDS

On May 29, 1993, at the 92nd CSNA Convention, the following awards were announced for articles published in *Calcoin News* during 1992:

1st Place (silver medal):

"Ireland's First Commemorative Coin"  
by L.V. Reppeteau

2nd Place (bronze medal):

"Edge Lettering Returns to U.S. Coins"  
by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Honorable Mention (copper medal):

"Corregidor Once Site of World War II Treasure"  
by Edward Fisher

"Coins of the Parthia-Rome Confrontation"  
by Dillon Frost

"A Historical Look at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia"  
by John Martino

Thanks to all! These quality articles undoubtedly helped to earn former *Calcoin News* Editor Virginia Hall another award for Best Regional Numismatic Publication from the American Numismatic Association at the recent anniversary convention held in Baltimore. Congratulations Virginia!



# 1946 IOWA STATEHOOD CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR

## Part 15 *'It Is Almost Miraculous'*

BY Michael S. Turrini, CSNA LM 30-2

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*Dedication: This fifteenth article in this series is dedicated in testimony and tribute to my fellow teacher who shares D-Wing with me at Will C. Wood High School and who equally tolerates me and my chauvinistic ways but always purchases raffle tickets, Ms. Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner. THANKS, Mrs. Hoeppner.*

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Listening to a rambling sermon of an old Irish priest at one Mass years ago, he rejoined, to emphasize some Catholic dogma, that there were three types of lies, paraphrasing an old saying, "lies, damn lies, and statistics."

With all the preceding articles recurring references to numbers, amounts, totals, dollars and cents, dates, and such, those statistics, that third lie, have been a major component, repeatedly pronounced, in these articles. For those enjoying numerology or working with numbers, those 'number-crunchers,' the intent of this 15th article is to analyze, and in the process iterate, the breakdown of the total mintage of one hundred thousand (100,000) as close as possible to the single half dollar.<sup>1</sup>

Among all the classic United States commemorative coinages from 1892 to 1954, at one hundred thousand (100,000), the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative half dollar had a huge mintage. True, for example, the Illinois Centennial some 38 years prior in 1918 was identical at 100,000, and the 1923 Monroe Doctrine Centennial tipped the scale with over a quarter-of-a-million, but a quick skimming of the Red Book would verify this mintage as enormous when contrasted to many infinitesimal commemorative coinage issues.<sup>2</sup>

Public Law 612, HR 2377, in its opening paragraph was specific in that "there shall be coined not to exceed one hundred thousand silver 50-cent pieces of standard size, weight, and composition."<sup>3</sup> All of the standard numismatic references--the Red Book, Breen's Encyclopedia, Swiatek and Breen's scholarly work, and others--list the final mintage as 100,057: 100,000 coined with 57 reserved for assay.

The author has not learned, as of yet, why this mintage maximum was chosen. Representative Karl LeCompte (1887-1972), who authored and shepherded the legislation through Congress may have originally sought a larger maximum, possibly 250,000.<sup>4</sup>

With a large mintage, and there was never a thought to minting less than the maximum, and also with the latest into the year, the half dollars would not be minted until late November 1946, there was never a doubt, nor is research necessary to prove, that the entire mintage would have to be struck at the Philadelphia Mint. In addition to these factors were the considerations that Adam Pietz (1873-1961), the half dollar's designer, was just recently retired from the Philadelphia Mint and worked out of his studio also in Philadelphia.<sup>5</sup> So, it does not take much to understand why the choice was solely the Philadelphia Mint.

In an October 19, 1946 letter from the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Coin of the full Iowa Centennial Committee Ralph Evans (1896-1973) to Leland Howard, the

Acting Director of the United States Mint, corresponding on "the production schedule for the Iowa Commemorative half dollar," Mr. Evans declared, "we shall want the full number of coins permitted under the Act, namely, one hundred thousand."<sup>6</sup> The incongruity of this letter is that Ralph Evans, misinterpreting some prior correspondence, requests "would it be practicable for us to obtain the additional ten thousand coins...?"<sup>7</sup> This question surely substantiates that the Iowa Centennial Committee wanted the full permitted mintage. Needless to say, Mr. Howard within a few days replied curtly that the "maximum number" authorized is "100,000 pieces."



STATE OF IOWA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROBERT D. BLUE  
GOVERNOR

DES MOINES  
September 6  
1946

Mr Ralph Evans,  
WHO,  
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Ralph:

I have received from George Wilson's Office, the printed copy of the Centennial Coin Act as finally passed by Congress which I am enclosing herewith. As I read the Act, there is no limitation placed on the number of coins to be minted. This fact, I think, will simplify the problem of distribution somewhat. As soon as your committee has gotten far enough along to make recommendations, I should be glad to meet with you and discuss them with you and to be of any other assistance I can be.

*error on  
Governor's  
interpretation  
Act does limit  
to 100,000 coins*

*WRONG*

Encl. 1  
RDB:mfs

Sincerely yours,  
*Robert D. Blue*  
Robert D. Blue,  
Governor.

Figure 1



Although the law was precise and the Mint's correspondence was strict, Ralph Evans was not the only one seeking to have an increased mintage. Even Governor Robert D. Blue (1898-1989), trained as a lawyer and provided copies of the Act, thought initially not just additional coinage was possible but that "there is no limitation..."<sup>8</sup> Refer to Figure 1. Note the pencil comments written by Ralph Evans.

The objective of this article is not to review the actual production and striking, something reserved for an ensuing article;<sup>9</sup> however, these two prior correspondences demonstrate that the mintage would be its full legal limit.

Getting back to the mintage amount and how it was distributed, State Treasurer John M. Grimes (1873-1971) in a December 2, 1946 letter to the Mint instructed that the entire mintage be shipped in four groups. Refer to *PCNS Journal*, January 1992, Number 30. Of these four groups, one of 10,000 half dollars would be shipped "express collect" directly to his attention at the State Capitol Building. This shipment was in "Five Bags, 10,000 pieces Iowa Centennial half dollars;" each bag weighed 57 pounds with a total weight of 285 pounds. Value was declared to be "\$5,000.00." Shipped December 4, 1946 and delivered in Des Moines on December 6, 1946 via Railway Express Agency (REA); charges would be \$27.60 (refer to Figure 2).<sup>10</sup> Compare this

Receipt For Charges Collected From Consignee

Des Moines, Iowa. — DEC 6 1946 — 194 —

M. J. M. Grimes, State Treasurer

To RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, Dr.

For Transportation of:

RECEIVED

ARTICLE

DESCRIPTION

Class

Declared Value

Rate

Weight

SHIPPER

DATE OF SHIPMENT

ADDRESS

DELIVERED TO

EXPLANATION OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Received Payment for the Company

3001 Printed in U.S.A.

Thank you—We appreciate your patronage.

Advances

Storage Charges

Value Charges

Express Charges

Additional Charges

C.O.D.

C.O.D. Service Charge

Total

STATEMENT

Printed in U.S.A. (876) 11-11

12/31 1946

M. State Treasurer

TO RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY

Des Moines

NOTE PAYABLE IN EXCHANGE

DELIVERY SHEET TO RECEIPT NO.

DATE

ARTICLE

CHARGES

TAX

257674

12/4

5 Bag Silver

2760

TOTALS

ADD TAX

AMOUNT DUE

Figure 2

shipping charge and time to contemporary services, and this in 1946 could have been advertised as "next-day-service!"

Now, with the half dollars in Des Moines and soon to be distributed by local Iowa banks, how were the half dollars parceled? First, refer to *PCNS Journal*, October 1991, Number 29, and also, the prior seven mini-series articles 'Collectors, Too, Buy The Coin' have already critiqued such. But, as a quick summary, one page has been selected from the Iowa Bankers Association (IBA) Bulletin #5559 as typical; refer to Figure 3. Note the mathematical accuracy and the tiny Central City State Bank with only seven half dollars. This page excerpt was also identified as 'Chart B.' 'Chart C,' the IBA's Bulletin #5562, was reproduced in *PCNS Journal*, October 1991, Number 29, page 23. Three charts were calculated and compiled: the aforementioned 'Chart C,' Bulletin #5562, 'Chart B' as excerpted in Figure 3, and a 'Chart A' which had in alphabetical order Iowa's 99 counties' allocation with that allocation as a per cent to the total. To remind, only 90,000 half dollars were initially placed on sale within Iowa to Iowans. 'Chart B,' one page reprinted in this article, was a 14 legal size page manuscript, all neatly typed and laid out.<sup>11</sup>

Continuing, the Mint invoiced \$50,000.00 for 100,000 half dollars, but the final accounted number delivered totaled 99,999. One missing? Out of a mintage this huge, such should have been a small inconsequential error; but, the State Treasurer, enthusiastic for accuracy, dutifully recorded it and balanced accordingly. Thanks to the honesty of all those handling these half dollars and the profuse records left, this missing half dollar can even be pinpointed. The Bankers Trust Company, then one of Iowa's major banks and one of the three Des Moines banks directed to receive one of the shipments from the Mint, "discovered" one bag short one half dollar (refer to Figure 4).<sup>12</sup> Readers are invited to read also *PCNS Journal*, January 1992, Number 30 for more insight into the banks and distribution.

Now one knows the mintage, learned that one half dollar was short, can identify each individual bank's quota, and the final reckoning of the sales, which is listed as:<sup>13</sup>

| SALES                             | COINS         |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Halves <u>Sent</u> To Banks       | 88,298        |
| Halves <u>Returned</u> From Banks | (minus) 3,884 |
| Net Sales <u>By</u> Banks         | 84,414        |
| Sold by Treasurer @ \$2.50        | 1,988         |
| Sold by Treasurer @ \$3.00        | 1,950         |
| Sold Outside State @ \$3.00       | 10,570        |
| Coin On Hand                      | 1             |
| Short On Delivery from Mint       | 1             |
| Gratis to Adam Pietz              | 25            |
| Reserved                          | <u>1,050</u>  |
| Total                             | 99,999        |

This tabulation was previously published in *PCNS Journal*, October 1992, Number 33.

What would be of curiosity to numerologists and numismatists are comparisons with this supposed final reckoning, done just after the first of April 1947 end of sales, with other tabulations, starting with a handwritten five column ledger sheet entry dated March 14, 1947:<sup>14</sup>

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dist' thru Local Banks       | 84,414 @ \$2.50 |
| Dist' thru Treasurer         | 1,989 @ \$2.50  |
| Dist' thru Treasurer         | 1,556 @ \$3.00  |
| Dist' Outside Iowa           | 8,848           |
| Dist' Gratis to Cong. Martin | 2               |





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SYSTEM  
FEDERAL DEPOSIT  
INSURANCE CORPORATION



R F HUFFMAN, PRESIDENT  
J W HUBBELL, VICE PRES  
S C RIDGEON, VICE PRES  
D R POLLINS, VICE PRES  
CARL WHIESMER, VICE PRES  
F C CATKINS, VICE PRES & CASHIER  
F S LOCKWOOD, SECRETARY  
& TRUST OFFICER  
L NEVIN LEE, VICE PRES  
WM ELLISON, ASST CASHIER  
A F ERICKSON, ASST CASHIER  
G A MOECKLEY, ASST CASHIER  
K L DEBOLT, ASST CASHIER  
S G BARNARD, ASST SECY

CAPITAL \$1,000,000.00

DES MOINES 4, IOWA

January 8, 1947

Treasurer of State  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

In disbursing the Centennial half-dollars we discovered one bag in which there were 1999 coins, instead of 2000. Therefore, making a shortage of one coin compared with your figures.

Very truly yours,

A. F. Erickson  
Assistant Cashier

AFE:pc

Figure 4

It is provocative to note two differences between these two separate accountings both done by someone in the Iowa State Treasurer's Office. First, who was that "Cong. Martin" who received two half dollars "gratis?" Was he the famous Massachusetts Representative and sometime Speaker of the House of Representatives Joseph W. Martin (1884-1968)? Or, was it Iowa's own Representative and later Senator Thomas E. Martin (1893-1971)? Who presented these Halves? Why were these later not accounted? Did someone reimburse their cost? Interesting. Second, in about two weeks, March 14, 1947 to April 1, 1947, the remaining listed 3,164 half dollars would be sold. Not-to-shabby closing to the final sales period.

Continuing, on the same ledger sheet across the bottom was another accounting in the same hand but undated, and it records that three half dollars remain unsold, at some unknown date, but definitely after March 14, 1947. Again, something for the 'number crunchers.'

To add to these comparisons and reckonings, Governor Blue in his Executive Order of January 5, 1949 had his own accounting:<sup>15</sup>

|        |                                                              |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 98,923 | Coins Sold                                                   |
| 50     | Coins Distributed to members of Centennial Committee, et al. |
| 1      | Coin Lost in Mails                                           |
| 1,000  | Reserved for 1996 and 2046                                   |

Of course, with all these numbers, the reader might lose interest and wonder what is the point. To this author, this half dollar is unique, absolutely alone, among any coinage in that its entire mintage can be tabulated, accounted, and balanced. It is not beyond possibility that some of the six hundred fifty (650) local Iowa banks distributing half dollars during December 1946 and January 1947 may have recorded

purchasers and retained even to this day those names in a forgotten dust-covered file.<sup>16</sup> Not to be forgotten, the Executive Secretary of the Iowa Centennial Committee Edith W. McElroy's (1887-1975) routine and religious accountings furnish a daily record of the final sales period in its last two months, February and March, 1947. Much may have been disposed of as the years passed, yet no individual coin, commemorative or circulation legal tender, ever generated such paper records which can be so examined. Maybe, in a purposeful combination of amusement and medieval scholasticism, this is why this author could unexactly write this present article: there are so numerous 'numbers-to-crunch.' It would have been most fascinating if in 1946 personal computers and gigantic interconnected mainframe computers existed. One could have 'zeroed-in' on a minute-by-minute basis, rather than Mrs. McElroy's tedious hand-manipulated daily chore. Oh well, to you 'number crunchers,' adios.<sup>17</sup> Remember, though, this was all before the advent of our contemporary computer age, and as the Chairman of the Iowa Centennial Committee Lester Milligan (1893-1977) in a letter to State Treasurer John M. Grimes observed, "it is almost miraculous to think there would be one coin unaccounted for out of the entire one hundred thousand."<sup>18</sup>

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### FOOTNOTES

1. This article, intended to be distinct, is actually a continuation to the prior seven article 'Collectors, Too, Buy The Coin' mini-series. To comprehend fully, readers are invited to reread that mini-series beginning with *PCNS Journal*, July 1991, Number 28. For convenience, footnotes have been limited to direct quotations or major aspects.
2. The Red Book records several classical commemorative coinages of 3,000 and even 2,000, only three or two per cent of Iowa's 100,000.
3. Public Law 612, *Laws Authorizing Issuance of Medals and Commemorative Coins*.
4. The author remembers reading in Representative LeCompte's correspondence something akin to this, but cannot confirm nor dispute.
5. Adam Pietz was the only engraver ever really considered, and with time of the essence and his living in Philadelphia plus willing to work directly with and at the Mint, he was the logical choice. Refer to *PCNS Journal*, July 1989, Number 20.
6. Ralph Evans, letter of October 19, 1946 to Leland Howard.
7. Ibid.
8. Governor Robert D. Blue, letter of September 6, 1946 to Ralph Evans.
9. The author will examine the production and striking in another article and has the proposed schedule for die preparation and minting.
10. This express receipt was found in the State Treasurer's files 40+ years after the delivery!
11. The Iowa Bankers Association (IBA) provided the author a full complete set of all three Charts as photocopied from the originals.
12. This and the REA express receipt confirm this commemorative was bagged 2,000, \$1,000.00 face, half dollars.
13. State Treasurer John M. Grimes, letter of May 6, 1947 to Lester Milligan.
14. Records of the Iowa State Treasurer, undated. This and express receipt were located by Deputy State Treasurer Steven F. Miller.
15. Governor Robert D. Blue, Executive Order of January 5, 1949. Governor Blue's computation was written in narrative format rather than a table as presented here. No change, however, in the amounts, id est, numbers.



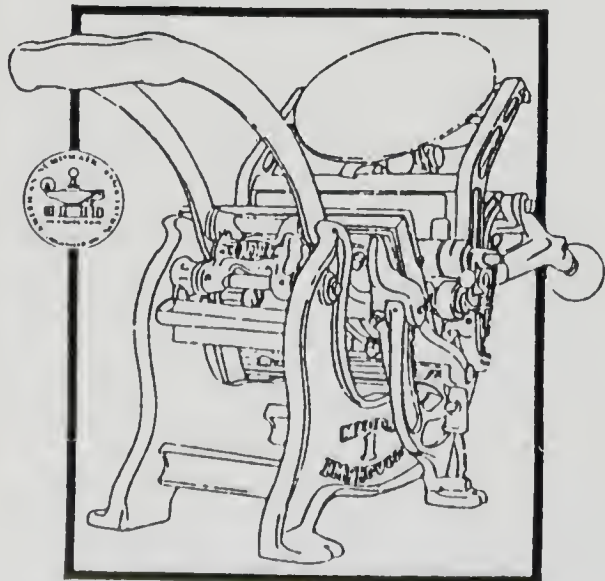
16. This is true. When the author was in Iowa during June 1990, a bank in Oakland, Iowa stated it had just recently thrown out old records dated back in the 1940's.
17. The author is readily computer illiterate!
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# HISTORY OF THE CSNA MEDALLIONS

BY Virginia Hall  
PHOTOS BY William O. Wisslead

## 1985 -- SAN JOSE

The 76th convention was held April 12-14, 1985 at the old San Jose Convention Center and Holiday Inn.

The theme of the convention was "California's First Capital." This was constructed under the direction of Rev. Walter Colton, Monterey's first American alcalde. Colton Hall, where California's Constitution Convention was held in 1849, now serves the area as a museum.

The medal was designed by Chris Herigues. The General Chairman was Ken Barr. Convention host was the San Jose Coin Club.

Quantity struck:

2000 Golden Bronze  
300 .999 Fine Silver  
100 Oxidized Bronze



## 1985 -- SAN DIEGO

The 77th convention was held October 18-20, 1985 at the Holiday Inn-Embarcadero, San Diego.

The theme of the convention was the "Tallship Californian." The medal was designed by H.L. "Pappy" Young. The vessel was built at Spanish Landing in San Diego and launched in May, 1984. It is a full scale sailing vessel, the replica of the Coast Guard cutter LAWRENCE which was stationed in San Francisco in the late 1850's. She is the official tall ship for the State of California.

The General Chairman was Catharine Edgerton Lenker. The San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council was the convention host.

Quantity struck:

1600 Golden Bronze  
200 .999 Fine Silver  
100 Oxidized Bronze



## 1986 -- SAN FRANCISCO

The 78th convention was held April 18-20, 1986 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. Mr. O.L. Wallis served as General Chairman.

The theme of the convention was "Washington in Numismatics." The medal was designed by O.L. Wallis and featured the bust of George Washington facing right.

C.S.N.A. served as host for the 78th convention.

Quantity struck:

1700 Golden Bronze  
250 .999 Fine Silver  
200 Oxidized Bronze



## 1986 -- LOS ANGELES

The 79th convention was held October 10-12, 1986 at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel. Dr. Walter Ostromecki, Jr., served as General Chairman.

The theme of the convention was "A Salute to the Denver Mint, 1906-1986" celebrating the 80th year of the Mint. Highlight of the convention was the attendance of Nora Hussey, Superintendent of the Denver Mint along with Victor Hurtado, the Chief Assayer.

The medal, which features a rendition of the "D" Mint, was designed by former artist/designer for Hanna-Barbera Studios and mother of the General Chairman, Agnes Ostromecki. Due to a broken die, about 400 golden bronze exist that show trees and shrubs around the Mint building. A new die did not show the trees and shrubs on the balance.

An opening ceremony was held with a ribbon cutting which contained every Denver cent between 1910 and 1986 except the 1914-D. Host for the convention was the West Valley Coin Club.

Quantity struck:

2500 Golden Bronze  
225 .999 Fine Silver  
225 Oxidized Bronze



# REPORT ON THE BALTIMORE ANA SHOW

## CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CHOSEN TO HOST THE 1995 ANA CONVENTION IN ANAHEIM

BY Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, CSNA R-2074

On Monday, July 26th, prior to the official opening of the Baltimore 102nd ANA Anniversary Convention, the ANA Board held its first open meeting and selected the CSNA to host the 1995 event in Anaheim, California with immediate past president of CSNA, Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, as general chairman. The full-scale replica of Henry Hudson's famous ship, the Half Moon was docked in the Baltimore Innerharbor and ready to be enjoyed by those attending the convention. She was joined by the magnificent "Libertard" a tall-sail training ship from Argentina.

The "Halve Maen" (in Dutch), was used by Hudson, an English explorer working for the Dutch East India Company, to explore the Atlantic coastline near present-day Baltimore and New York during his 1609 expedition in search of a Northwest Passage to Asia.

Tuesday morning, as exhibitors were placing their collections, the traditional PNG (Professional Numismatists Guild) day began for invited guests. The floor was full of visitors and business appeared to be "up-beat."

At 11:30 A.M. Wednesday, the official ANA Convention Opening Ceremonies took place with Executive Director Robert Leuver, ANA President Edward Rochette, PNG President Ira Goldberg (Superior) and Mint Director David Ryder taking part. The ANA released the results of a survey of the membership. At least 59% of those responding were in favor of some kind of redesign of our coinage. Most wanted both sides changed. On the question of the elimination of the dollar bill, 53% advised the government to abolish this denomination and issue a dollar coin instead. Finally, the ANA reported that 82% of the respondents thought the Mint should introduce circulating commemorative coins at least once every few years. In an opinion poll that accompanied the election ballot, the ANA reported that voters were in favor by a six to one majority of limiting the number of years one could serve on the board. The most favored city to hold a future convention was San Francisco.

The World Series of Numismatics began Wednesday evening with the team of David T. Alexander and Anthony Swiatek (a CSNA member) destined to win for the second consecutive year. CSNA President David W. Lange was also an invited participant in this event.

The bidding at the ANA Auction conducted by Heritage Numismatic Auctions was spirited and high with "standing-room only." And on the bourse floor, the "World Mint Passports" were as hot as the Baltimore weather (over 100 degrees on Wednesday). David W. Lange was also invited to participate at the author's table and present his book, "The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels." President Lange also found time to travel to rural Maryland to see the head of the bison used as the model for the buffalo nickel.

Thursday morning opened with the Numismatic Ambassador's breakfast hosted by Krause Publications. Ambassadors were introduced and those in attendance came from across the United States, including past CSNA Presidents Al and Dorothy Baber and Tom Fitzgerald.

Several world mints (there were 11 in attendance at the show) announced plans to issue commemorative coins for soccer's World Cup to be held in 1994. Mint

Director David Ryder unveiled the United States' gold \$5, silver dollar and a clad half dollar. These coins have a common obverse bearing the World Cup logo. The gold piece shows the trophy while the dollar and half dollar depict soccer players in action. All are due to be released in January, 1994. But Hungary wins the award for being the most innovative. The silver 1000 forint coin has an obverse with a soccer goalie stretching for the ball as it races for the net. The ball, however, is actually an off-center hole which also is one of the zeroes of the denomination on the reverse.



*David W. Lange poses with Black Diamond*

On Thursday evening, the Numismatic Literary Guild held its infamous bash with "The Girls" (originally introduced in 1975 in Los Angeles and including Virginia Culver and the late Eve Adams) making an anniversary appearance led by Margo Russell, retired editor of *Coin World*. Book honors went to Richard Snow, Chet Krause, Cliff Mishler, Ken Bressett and Russ Rulau, among others.

At the ANA District Delegates' Breakfast on Friday morning it was announced that *Calcoin News* was again named the top and best regional publication. What a fitting tribute to out-going editor Virginia Hall. This convention certainly was aware of the CSNA. The best specialized club publication was *The Asylum*, the journal of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society. At 2:00 George Kolbe conducted his first ANA book auction, which included CSNA President Emeritus Ralph "Curly" Mitchell's bound set of *Calcoin News*.

At the ANA business meeting on Saturday morning it was voted to hold the 1998 Anniversary Convention in Portland, Oregon. The Numismatic Theater presented CSNA President David W. Lange speaking on "U.S. Coinage for the Philippines." Kay Lenker picked up two awards for her exhibits at the awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon. Also receiving recognition was Sam Lopresto (Long Beach Coin Show), as he received the Glenn Smedley Award. On Saturday evening, the gala banquet featured a petite filet and Maryland crabcake. The Howland Wood Memorial Award for the "Best-In-Show" exhibit went, for the second consecutive year, to Thomas Law of Texas for his brilliant display, "The Large Milled English Gold Coin Types." The top award that may be given by the ANA, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service, was presented to 95-year old Robert L. Hendershott from Florida. The evening concluded with the installation of the new officers and Board of Governors including Helen Carmody, newly elected from California.





## **SOUTH of the TEHACHAPIS**

**By: WILLIAM J. GRANT, CSNA 2860**

Well the first one has been put to bed. I trust you will find my first report from the South accurate and interesting. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Bill Grant for the job he has done over the past three years. In addition, Bill has been extremely helpful in getting me started. Thanks again Bill.

I have two requests for all clubs to help me do a better job. First, I need to hear from you. Please see to it that I get a bulletin. As long as the bulletin has information about people and events, it will generate news. No bulletin means no news, means no coverage. Second, I am initiating a new column within my report titled, "Coming Events." The goal is to help you inform fellow numismatists of special coming attractions. I will need to know these events 4-6 months in advance so I can incorporate them into my report in time to be of good. If you know you have something special planned down the line, send me a note with all the scoop and I'll file it with your bulletins and, space allowing, include it in this new column.

Lastly, if you have any suggestions, comments, etc. please let me know. This is your column for your news and I want to hear from you.

Thank you for your support.

### **THANKS BIG AL**

At Bay Cities Coin Club's May meeting Jerry Yahalom opened up a Pandora's Box of information on "California Commemoratives." June's program on "National Bank Notes of Long Beach" was presented by Arri Jacobs of Long Beach. At the July meeting "British War Medals" was given by Phil Iversen.

### **ADIOS, JACK**

Collectors of the Realm long time member and one of its founders, Jack Flourney Whitten, has gone to live in Tennessee. He will be missed by all. The May meeting went into orbit when Harold Katzman presented a slide and medal program on "The Space Shuttle." April saw Dr. Walter Ostromecki present an excellent program on "Treasury Women from Sarah to Bette B., 1795-1977." The club reported that long time junior supporter, Walter Nukes, is home from the hospital and getting better.

### **COIN-O-RAMA = SUCCESS-O-RAMA**

May saw Harold Katzman present "Space Shuttle--The Final Frontier." Club member Lloyd Beauchaine presented "Portraits on Coins" in June. Coming all the way from Downey, July's program, "Coins of Queen Wilhelmina" was given by Albertus Hoogeveen. August had Cy Phillips Jr. talk on "Coins of this Wonderful Land, America."



### **A PRIMITIVE MEETING?**

The Culver City Coin Club went primitive in May when Sally Marx spoke on "Primitive Money." According to Sally, Cowrey shells and tea have been used as money. In June, club member Mike Dinius gave a program titled, "My Collecting Experiences and What's Next." Mike is a graduating senior who won a 1991 ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship. The club wishes Mike well in his future endeavors.

### **EXHIBITING, MARX STYLE**

Everyone became experts on exhibiting at the May meeting of the Downey Numismatists. Sally Marx, a frequent exhibitor, exhibit judge and exhibit chairperson, presented her secrets on how to exhibit.

### **VISITING EUROPE "FUN" STYLE**

California's FUN (Fontana United Numismatists) was treated in May to Bill Grant discussing the coinage and history of the "Small Countries of Europe." Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald spoke on "200 Year History of the U.S. One Cent Piece" in June. For July, Dr. Walter Ostromecki gave a program on "Women of the Treasury." August had "Other Hobby Night" as the program.

### **PINCH HITTING: ANGUS BRUCE**

Contrary to the previous report in this column, April's meeting of the Hemet Coin Club saw member Angus Bruce pinch hitting when guest speaker Sheryl Troutman was involved in an accident (she is fine now). Angus spoke on "The History of Collecting Checks." May's meeting was the annual buy, sell and trade program. Many good bargains changed hands. The June bulletin noted that long time member and friend Anna Wasner passed away. The June program had club member telling about their favorite coin. In July, the club celebrated its 9th anniversary. Club President, Cliff Parr, discussed the U.S. copper coins. Highlighting the meeting was the collection of early large cents displayed by George Mouhtouris. At the August meeting members finally heard from Sheryl Troutman. She spoke on the new anti-counterfeiting measures being taken by the U.S. Government. Sheryl is Vice President and Branch Manager at American Savings and Loan in Hemet.

### **TO BE OR MACCABEES?**

The May meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of LA featured Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald presenting "Coins of Barkochba." June's program had Jerry Yahalom give a slide show and lecture on "Anglo-Palestine Banknotes." "Israel's Coins and Stamps," a slide program produced by Al Friedberg and Stanley Yulish was July's program. August saw Paul Borack present a slide program titled "Modern Maccabees."

### **PORTLAND OR BUST**

The Litton Coin Club bid a fond farewell to longtime club member, June Johnson. She has moved to Portland, Oregon. May's meeting featured John Barnes talking about "California Tokens." In June, "British War Medals" was presented by Phil Iversen. For July and August Walt and Maxine Wegner presented a very interesting slide program on their trip to Korea, Hong Kong and China. New officers for 1994 include: President, Walt Wegner; Vice President, Bill Pagel; and Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Buck.

### **CALLING ALL COUNTRIES**

James B. Trinaystich, of the Long Beach Coin Club, is in the process of compiling a comprehensive listing of coins issued by countries of the world. Anyone with suggestions or information should contact him via the club. The May meeting had member Gwen Heistand talk on "Coins of Spain and Portugal." June saw member Bob Smythe show a slide program on his recent trip to "Egypt--Land of the Pharaohs." July

had the club celebrate our nation's 217th birthday with a potluck dinner. In August Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald discussed the "200th Anniversary of the U.S. Cent."

### **AN IRISH HELLO**

The May meeting of the LA Coin Club saw "a beautiful lady in spirit and appearance" Helen L. Carmody give a superb discussion on "U.S. Commemorative Coins." June featured banknote specialist and long time dealer Harold Donald talk on "Engraved Bank Notes" issued prior to the Civil War. C-O-I-N-O, hosted by the one and only Paul Borack, was July's program. For August club members were on the lookout for a large white elephant. This was their annual "White Elephant Sale."

### **AND SPEAKING OF HELEN**

Helen Carmody was just elected to the ANA Board of Governors. For the first time in many, many years California and the West Coast has an elected ANA official. All of us congratulate Helen and wish her well in looking out for our interests.

### **ORANGE COUNTY**

May saw Frank De Leon (any relation to Ponce de Leon?) talk on "Pre-Columbian Mexico Coins." June's program on "Commemorative Memorabilia" was given by Helen Carmody. And in July Evalene Pulatti presented a lovely program on "Love Tokens."

### **REDLANDS PONDERES FATE!**

The Redlands Coin Club at their May and June meetings discussed the future of their club. With attendance declining, members overlapping other local clubs and the possible loss of their meeting place, attendees have considered their future in depth. They closes down for July and August and scheduled more discussion for September. Good luck. With the passing of founding member John Lenker, the May meeting was devoted to the members talking about the history of the club.

### **SBCCC DONATES TO MEMORIAL FUND**

The San Bernardino County Coin Club sent a "sizable" donation to the Memorial Fund for Ron Miller. Ron had attended the SBCCC Show in 1993. Arri Jacob, at the May meeting, gave the inside track on how to start collecting paper money. "To Sink a Die" was the June program given by G. Lee Kuntz of Masterpiece Medallions (the same Kuntz who produces our convention medals). July had Albertus Hooegeveen, the world's "eldest" Boy Scout, talk on "Boy Scout Memorabilia." Club member Bill Mink, who fell ill at the May meeting, is reported doing well according to his wife, Lois.

### **56 YEARS YOUNG**

The San Diego Numismatic Society celebrated its 56th birthday in June with a picnic in the park. Twenty-five member and guests attended. In May, Jim Hill enlightened members with a program on when to slab and when not to slab coins. July had Larry Baber present a slide program on "Hawaiian Monarchs--Their Coins and Medals." August was their annual Hobby Night. On a sad note, two long time members, Howard Smith and Elaine Butts have passed away.

### **CONDOLENCES**

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Dr. George Moore on July 30. Dr. Moore was the husband of long time member and dealer Nona Moore. For years George attended conventions and helped out Nona. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to Nona, son George Moore III and to all family members. He will be missed by all.

### **GOING, GOING, GONE!**

The May meeting of the Santa Barbara Coin Club had illustrious auctioneer, Bob Barber running a full member auction. June saw Bill Wisslead drive all the way from Santa Ana to speak on the "U.S. Double Eagle, 1849-1933." The club held its annual show on July 17-18 at the Miramar Hotel. In August, Dr. Walter Ostromecki spoke on "U.S. Trade Dollars, 1873-1885."

### **SUMMER VACATION**

The Southern California Ancient Numismatic Society took a summer vacation with no meeting scheduled in July or August. However in June, Lloyd Beauchaine gave a great presentation on "Propaganda on Coins of Roman Egypt." The June bulletin noted the passing of long time member Nick Jamgochian. A noted scholar, he will be missed by all.

### **DR. I.Q., WHERE ARE YOU?**

The Verdugo Hills Coin Club celebrated their 29th birthday in May. Club member Keith Mosure produced a terrific cake for the occasion. Richard Murachanian won the "big" prize, a two piece gold and silver Constitution set. In July, Harold Katzman entertained the club with "Columbia, the Gem of the Space Ocean." Dr. I.Q. (alias Dr. Walter Ostromecki) conducted a numismatic quiz. Prizes were given out to those knowing the answers.

### **THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING**

The West Valley Coin Club had Alex Shagin as their special speaker for August. Alex spoke on Russian medals. Alex, a recent arrival from Russia, is a coin and medal designer who worked for years in Leningrad, Russia. May saw Treasurer Dr. Walter Ostromecki talk on "Treasury Women, from Sarah to Bette B." Another Dr., Thomas Fitzgerald, spoke to the club in June. His topic was "Bicentennial of the Cent." Club President, Dick Murachanian, gave the program in July on the Carson City Mint. (Editor's note: would you believe I'm writing this in Carson City?)

### **TWO COLUMBIA PROGRAMS?**

The June meeting of the Upland Coin Club had Harold Katzman talk about the space shuttle Columbia in a program titled "Space Shuttle, Part Deux." July featured another program about Columbia, that is Columbia, South America. Robert Ward spoke on "Columbia Memorabilia." Not only was this a numismatically educational program, but it was a mini course in geography and history. May was Numismatic Quiz night with prizes for those "in the know." August was the club's annual birthday and potluck dinner.

### **PRESIDENT RESIGNS**

It was with deep regret that Bob Scott, Whittier Coin Club President has had to resign due to ill health. Bob is on dialysis three times a week. Wife Maxine is running the store as well as being mother and nurse. All our sympathies go to the Scott Family. May and June saw Jessie Ayala present the two part slide program on "Crowns of the World." July had Ewell Gunter of Santa Ana present "History in the Making." Ewell spoke about the special PNC's he has produced to honor historic events. August saw Harold Katzman send the club into orbit with "Space Shuttle, Part Deux."

### **CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN**

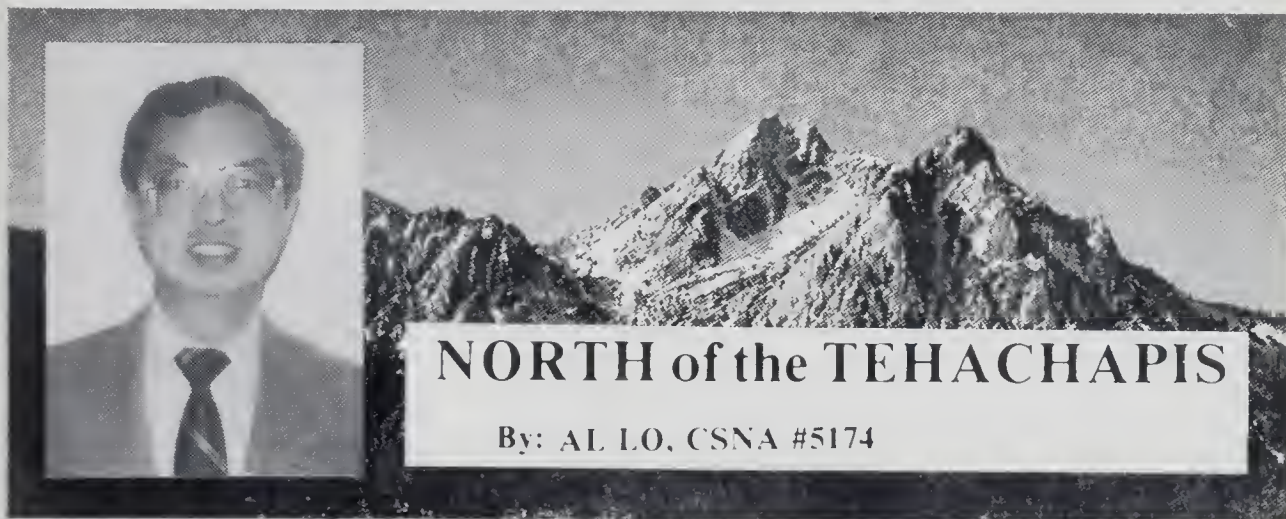
Santa Ana Coin Club member and retired Fire Chief, Sam Fink, 89, recently climbed his 3800th mountain. Sam climbed his first peak in 1925 using only a compass as a guide to scale Mount Baldy (10,000 feet high). Over the last 68 years, Sam has climbed 819 peaks across the country including all with an elevation of 14,000' or higher. When last seen, he was preparing to climb Cucamonga Peak. And to think I



get tired climbing the stairs in my condo. The May and June meetings were devoted to trivia quiz programs. July saw exhausted (stair climbing) space man Harold Katzman talk on "Space Shuttle, Part Deux."

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

- November: Long Beach has "Bourse Night"  
San Bernardino has "Super Auction Night"
- December: SIN will have Richard Dysart, of "LA Law," at their annual dinner. For more information write to SIN, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406-0943.
- January: San Bernardino Annual Coin Show, Jan. 9 at the National Orange Show.  
San Bernardino Annual Banquet, Jan. 16.
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If it's Summer, then it MUST be time for picnics. Many of the clubs reported having picnics, some with other coin clubs, some with potluck food, some with the club supplying the main dish but ALL reporting success--fun and enjoyment for all. It shows that we can also have FUN with our fellow hobbyists. There were also announcements of different fund raising activities such as "white elephant" auctions, "memorial" auctions or just plain "donation" auctions. Club shows are not the only way to support the club's functions.

### TEN YEARS YOUNG...

*Solano Silver Round Club* (SSRC) announced that it is accepting orders for the fifth issue, the 1993 medal, in its seven-year Second World War Fiftieth Anniversary Silver Round Series. This medal will remember the Battle of Stalingrad, the Russian Front, and the turning point of the War.

The 10th anniversary meeting, held on June 3rd, had a terrific showing. A special engraved 10th anniversary medal was presented to all attendees. Although not present, LOUIS KRETOVICS and CHUCK LUCE JR. were also awarded this special medal because they have taken extraordinary measures to participate in the activities of the SSRC even though living great distances away (Ohio and San Diego).

### LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL...

The *Alameda Coin Club* held a pizza party meeting which was a huge success. According to "Thick & Thin Times" editor, MIKE NEICOFF, "In between gulping down food and grog, we managed to conduct a semblance of our usual business meeting along with the carnival atmosphere. To be sure, a good time was had by all."

Preparations were well under way for its annual joint coin show with the San Francisco Coin Club which will be held on August 29th.

### NEW OFFICERS, NEW LOCATION...

*Peninsula Coin Club's* new officers are HUGH COURTEOL, President; MARK GEALY, Vice President; FRED VAN DEN HAAK, Treasurer; and RICHARD SHUSTERMAN, Secretary. Also NEW is the LOCATION of the annual Coin and Collectibles Show on November 14th. It will be held across the street and just north of the previous show location--at the Hyatt Rikeys in Palo Alto.

### THEY WERE EXPOSED!!!

The *Redwood Empire Coin Club* received lots of exposure at the National Coin Week Display at the G&G Supermarket. Secretary GUY SHAPPY reported that most people did not know that Santa Rosa has a coin club. I hope that these people will visit and join the club before January when dues will be raised to \$7.50 per year. These new members can also benefit by attending the September 18th banquet.

### YOUTH ATTRACTION....

*San Jose Coin Club* continues to attract more junior members. The July youth program featured a panel discussion especially for juniors. Other recent programs were given by ED SINS, "A Survey of the Early Coinage of Mexico" and by DENNIS OLSWANG, "A Survey of Canadian Coinage."

### BARR LOVE TOKENS...

The *San Francisco Coin Club* members enjoyed an informative talk and exhibit on "Love Tokens" by KEN BARR in May. SYD KASS spoke on "Currency Errors" at the July meeting and BOB CHANDLER entertained members in August with his talk on the "Wells Fargo History." The June "White Elephant" sale brought needed money into the treasury.

### ODD AND CURIOUS???

*Livermore Valley Coin Club* President CHUCK WHITE took a Second Place award at the ANA Convention in Baltimore with his "Odd and Curious Money of Siam" exhibit. A potluck/bingo/slab toss night was June's exciting meeting. Recent speakers were DAVID LANGE ("The Buffalo Nickel"), KEN BARR ("Numismatic Potpourri") and JOEL ANDERSON ("Odd and Curious Coins of the World").

### NEW PLACE, NEW DATE...

*Cupertino Coin Club's* NEW meeting place is the West Valley Presbyterian Church's Parish Hall, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on the SECOND Friday of the month. Visitors and guests are always WELCOME!

Other hobbies night brought out interesting hobbies such as watches, baseball, gardening, sewing, kids, the brain, and wood carving (and where NOT to put your fingers). "Century of Progress" was the title of RON ISHIZAKI'S June meeting talk on the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair.

### A GREAT SHOW!!!

The *Sacramento Valley Coin Club* had a successful coin show in May and is already preparing for their next show on October 30-31, 1993. KEVIN MALOY won the Best of Show award for his Military Payments exhibit, First Place went to JEFF SHEVLIN



for his Reverse of the Morgan Dollar, Second Place went to CHUCK WHITE for his Dali Olympic Coins. Best of Show Jr. was won by JASON LEWIS who presented an exhibit on the ANA.

Educational programs were presented by BOB BANDY ("One Dealer's Perspective on Current Coin Trends") and WOODY CHAMBLIN ("Collecting Wooden Nickels").

### HERE'S TO THE WINNERS!!!

The *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society* elected DAVID and BECKY CIENIEWICZ as "Distinguished Members" of the Society for their excellent five years of service as *PCNS Journal* Editors. They will be departing to Alabama because Dave's job dictates. Literary Award winners were announced at the annual banquet in June--First Prize, L. BENJ. FAUVER, Second Prize, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, and Third Prize, GEORGE B. SMITH. DAVID LANGE was named a "Fellow of the Society," a distinguished honor limited to those certain few who have performed a number of duties on behalf of PCNS and numismatics in general, especially in the area of continued scholarly research and writing.

### FIRST EVER!!!

*Diablo Numismatic Society* issued its first souvenir card, donated by President MICHAEL S. (STAN) TURRINI, at its July picnic/potluck. Only 60 souvenir cards were made and were double-canceled in Walnut Creek and Concord. A Numismatic Round Table is held each month with recent topics being "Winnings," "Odd Places," "Enjoyable Numismatic Activities," and "Memorable Characters."

### GOOD BYE DAVE, WE'LL MISS YOU!!!

*Liberty Numismatic Society* members heard DON BARSÌ speak on the "Tokens of the Mid-Peninsula," HERB MILES, "Coins and Patterns of Liberia," and "Grading Small Cents" by MIKE SULAK. In July, LNS Director DAVE CIENIEWICZ was presented an engraved plaque in recognition of his many years of service to the club. Dave will be moving to Alabama due to job responsibilities.

### SHALL WE VOTE?...HIC! HIC!

The *Gateway Coin Club* rewards members by supplying 1994 Redbooks at half of retail price which saves members the price of annual dues. Other savings are the annual picnic in August, a Carson City Mint trip in September, and "Goody Night" in June. Goody Night saw members bringing in their favorite cake, cookies, or other goodies that were somehow numismatically related. They were designed like a coin, featured coins, or ????. Awards were presented for the Most Numismatically Oriented, Best Tasting, and Most Original. Members HAD to sample the goodies before voting! What a CHORE.

### SKIING ANYONE???

Forty-two members and guests of the *Delta Coin Club* enjoyed a great bus trip to Harrah's Lake Tahoe with food and games during the trip to keep everyone happy. (There wasn't a list of winners/losers so...)

The July bulletin contained a list of the club's medals and woods which is a good checklist for collecting their medals. Also recognized were the designers of the medals. Their 29th annual coin show will be held on October 16-17th.

### GREAT STUFF...

The *Fresno Numismatic Society* members heard talks from BRIAN LENTELL ("Liberty Seated Quarters & Halves"), DAVID MICHAELS ("Coins of Alexander the Great and his Followers") and GEORGE SHAMLIN ("Numismatics in the Nineties"). Interesting and informative articles in *The Fresno Numismatist* have been on the "Value of Research in



Numismatics" by BRIAN LENTELL. "Seeing Old Friends at the Long Beach Coin Show" by BILL FEBRUARY, and "Coin Trivia" by RUS STOLLING.

### IT WAS ONLY A DIME, BUT...

*Fremont Coin Club's* "Dime Night" in June was a big success with displays of dime books, dime sets, and dime substitutes from around the world. Guest speakers have been, KEN BAUER, "Civil War Tokens;" KEVIN SCHILLING, "Peruvian Coin Buying Trip;" ED SINS, "Mexican Colonial Coinage;" JAMES LIVINGSTONE, "Currency in Asia;" and DENNIS OLSWANG, "Canadian Coins."

### WE'RE GOING TO A LUAU...

The *Fairfield Coin Club* enjoyed the hot August nights with their annual Luau Night. Bar-b-qued pork was provided by the club and a potluck salad or dessert was supplied by attending members. July's meeting was the annual "George Flannagan Memorial Auction" and fund raiser. In May, guest speaker SCOTT MATHES gave a slide presentation of his trip to McMurdo Sound, Antarctica last October in support of Operation Deep Freeze, the resupply of the scientific research projects being carried on there.

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## IN MEMORY OF JOHN LENKER

BY Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

John Lenker was born August 27, 1911 in Sunbury, Pennsylvania and died April 14, 1993 in San Diego. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1932 with a B.A. in Commerce and Finance and earned a B.A. in Journalism from Columbia University in New York in 1934. In 1936 he was married to Roberta, who died in 1979, and to Kay Edgerton in 1980. He had three children, John Jr., Mary Frances and Peter and five grandchildren.

John was Life Member No. 1-21 of the California State Numismatic Association and served on the Board of Directors and later as President. He was President of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1945. In the San Bernardino-Redlands area he joined Bryan Burke, Howard Smith, Fred Coops and others in forming the San Bernardino County Coin Club in 1948. He wrote a number of numismatic articles and at one time had a radio program on coins. Mr. Lenker did some television spots, and even had a traveling coin show with exhibits in schools. He was a prolific exhibitor and will always be remembered for his great display of primitive money (over 40 feet) at the CSNA Convention in Ontario in 1988. John reorganized and was the executive officer of the International Primitive Money Society. He was a speaker at the CSNA's Symposium. John Lenker was named Numismatic Ambassador in 1984.

The above represents the statistical data regarding this grand gentleman. But they tell nothing about the man who knew so much about all aspects of numismatics. They tell nothing of his interest in young collectors; his willingness to help anyone interested in the hobby. John was a dear friend, one who will be missed greatly. Our lives are so much better because John Lenker was a part of them. Now he is free! He no longer has a problem speaking, he no longer has to be concerned about cancer, he is free to fly. Soar John, soar in the heavens, know the joy and peace that you've earned. You have left us better than you found us John, we will not forget you!

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Correction of previous total ..... <148>  
(discrepancy apparently due to repeated counting of YN's)

Membership Total August, 1993 ..... 913

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|--|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--|
|  | Life Members (included in total above) .....               | 121 |  |
|  | YN Members (included in total above) .....                 | 36  |  |
|  | Complimentary subscriptions (included in total above)..... | 10  |  |

## CSNA MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

Monies from the fund are used to support the CSNA library, the educational symposium and the audio/visual library. The following have made contributions in honor of John E. Lenker:

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General Chairman: David W. Lange, P.O. Box 190476, San Francisco, CA  
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March 19, 1994 ..... 26th Annual Educational Symposium  
Chairman: Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, P.O. Box 4144, Covina, CA 91724

### OTHER SHOWS

September 30-October 3, 1993.....Numismatic & Philatelic Expo  
Convention Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA  
Info: Teresa Darling, 112 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802  
(310)-347-0819

October 2-3, 1993 .....Gun, Coin & Knife Show  
County Fairgrounds, 101 Freeway & California St., Ventura, CA  
Info: Pat McMann, P.O. Box 39175, Phoenix, AZ 85069

October 8-10, 1993..... Great Western States Collectibles Show  
Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, CA  
Info: Lynn Woods, P.O. Box 1641, Cottonwood, CA 96022, (916)-221-4656

October 10, 1993 ..... 26th Annual Coin-A-Rama  
Redwood Empire Coin Club, Inc.  
Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA  
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October 10, 1993 ..... 2nd Sunday Stamp, Postcard, Paper & Exonumia Show  
Days Inn, 91 Freeway at Raymond, 1500 S. Raymond Ave., Fullerton, CA  
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October 10, 1993 .....Collectibles Show  
Camelback Collectibles Club  
K of C Hall, 4208 N. 82 St., Scottsdale, AZ  
Info: Bob Phelan, P.O.Box 15005, Phoenix, AZ 85060

October 16, 1993 ..... Laguna-Irvine Stamp & Coin Expo  
Saddleback Valley Board of Realtors Bldg., 25552 La Paz Rd., Laguna Hills, CA  
Info: Gary West, P.O. Box 4339, Oceanside, CA 92054, (619)-721-1810

October 16-17, 1993..... Annual Show  
Delta Coin Club  
Eagles' Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton, CA  
Info: Elden Enzminger, P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253, (209)-368-2048



- October 17, 1993 .....Southern AZ Coin & Stamp Show  
 Ramada Inn Airport, Tucson, AZ  
 Info: Bohdan Bobjak, (602)-742-2002
- October 22-24, 1993 .....Coin, Stamp, Jewelry & BB Card Expo  
 Marin Center, Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA  
 Info: Rudy Christians, P.O. Box 1641, Cottonwood, CA 96022
- October 23, 1993 .....Casino Collectibles Show  
 Masonic Hall, 9513 Beach St., Bellflower, CA  
 Info: Jim Munding, P.O. Box 4087, West Covina, CA 91791, (818)-919-0603
- October 23-24, 1993 .....Gun, Coin & Knife Show  
 Convention Center, 260 S. Church St., Tucson, AZ  
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- October 24, 1993 .....35th Annual Coin-O-Rama  
 West Valley Coin Club  
 Airtel Plaza Hotel, Sherman Way at Van Nuys Airport  
 7277 Valjean, Van Nuys, CA 91406-3425  
 Bourse Info: Leonora Donald, (818)-344-1474  
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- October 30-31, 1993 .....36th Annual Coin-A-Rama  
 Sacramento Valley Coin Club  
 La Sierra Center, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, CA  
 Info: Jeff Shevlin, P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816, (916)-969-3308
- November 6-7, 1993 .....Orange County Coin & Stamp Expo  
 Retail Clerks Auditorium, 8530 Stanton, Buena Park, CA  
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- November 7, 1993 .....Annual Show  
 Santa Cruz Coin Club  
 Holiday Inn, 611 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, CA  
 Info: Bo Borich, P.O. Box 268, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, (408)-475-9198
- November 12-14, 1993 .....Gun, Knife, Militaria, Coin & Collectibles Show  
 Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, I-10 Exit at Fairplex, Pomona, CA  
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- November 13, 1993 .....Laguna-Irvine Stamp & Coin Expo  
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- November 14, 1993.....Annual Coin & Collectibles Show  
 Peninsula Coin Club  
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- November 14, 1993.....2nd Sunday Stamp, Postcard, Paper & Exonumia Show  
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 Municipal Auditorium, 3485 7th St. (corner 7th & Lemon), Riverside, CA  
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- November 14, 1993.....Coin Show  
 Heartland Coin Club  
 El Cajon Valley Masonic Temple, 695 Ballantyne St., El Cajon, CA  
 Info: Ken Stempien, P.O. Box 13331, El Cajon, CA 92022, (619)-442-7021
- November 14, 1993.....Collectibles Show  
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 Info: Bob Phelan, P.O.Box 15005, Phoenix, AZ 85060
- November 19-21, 1993.....Coin, Stamp & BB Card Expo  
 Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA  
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- November 20-21, 1993.....Gun, Coin & Knife Show  
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- November 21, 1993.....Southern AZ Coin & Stamp Show  
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- November 27-28, 1993.....Coin & Stamp Show  
 Salem Coin Club  
 Black Angus Restaurant, 220 Commercial S.E., Salem, OR 97301  
 Info: Ken Bashford, 648 High St. N.E., Salem, OR 97301, (503)-362-0989
- December 3-5, 1993.....International Coin & Currency Expo  
 Convention Center, Long Beach, CA  
 Info: Paul Koppenhaver, P.O. Box 430, Van Nuys, CA 91408, (818)-787-4020
- December 10-12, 1993.....Coin & Stamp Expo  
 Civic Auditorium, 1401 Verdugo Rd., Glendale, CA  
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